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SUBJECT: HAITIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THREE ALLEGED AMERICANS INVOLVED IN LANDING

NEAR MOLE ST. NICOLAS

REF: (A) P-AU-P 1562 (B) STATE 180682

- 1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RAYMOND TELEPHONED ME ABOUT NOON SEPT. 13 TO REITERATE REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THREE PERSONS CITED PARA 1 REFTEL WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS "AMERICANS". I ASKED RAYMOND IF THESE PERSONS WERE NOW IN HAITI. HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WERE OR NOT, BUT LATER IN AFTERNOON CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE IN GOH CUSTODY.
- 2. WE HAVE COLLATERAL INFORMATION THAT GOH HAS CAPTURED A BOAT IN THE MOLE ST. NICOLAS AREA ALONG WITH THE THREE MEN NAMED ABOVE, THAT IS: STEPHEN L. CARVENDER, HAROLD B. CRAMER, RON G. ELLIS. GOH HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT BEEN TELLING US ALL IT KNEW ABOUT THIS AFFAIR BUT ITS INTENSE INTEREST IN THESE PEOPLE HAD CONVINCED US THEY WERE IN GOH CUSTODY. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. I PASSED TO RAYMOND EARLIER THE GIST OF THE INFORMATION IN REF B.
- 4. WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF CARVENDER, CRAMER AND ELLIS PARTICULARLY AS TO THEIR NATIONALITY.
- 5. COMMENT: I HAVE ALERTED RAYMOND TO SENSATIONAL AFP REPORT FROM SANTO DOMINGO (FBIS PANAMA 130824Z SEPT 73) AS TYPICAL OF THE SORT OF TREATMENT THIS AFFAIR IS GETTING PUBLICLY. THE LONGER THEY POSTPONE ANY OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT MOLE ST. NICOLAS THE WILDER THE SPECULATION WILL BECOME. (FYI RAYMOND TOLD ME DURING THIS CONVERSATION THAT THE LANDING OF THE THREE "AMERICANS" AT MOLE ST. NICOLAS WAS THE ONLY INCIDENT THAT HAD OCCURRED AND THAT THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE AFP REPORT FROM SANTO DOMINGO WERE FALSE.)

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